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For: QUANTITATIVE PCR METHOD OF

DETECTING SPECIFIC PLANT GENUS IN

FOOD OR FOOD INGREDIENT

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated July 22, 2008, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Remarks.